

has provided motorists with breathtaking views as it seamlessly intertwines Florida's most remarkable coastal landscapes and deep-rooted history.

As a kid growing up in northeast Florida, any drive along the A1A scenic and historic coastal byway was a reminder of how lucky we were to live in such a beautiful place.

Now, as the Representative of Florida's north central region, home to beautiful segments of A1A, I was proud to cast one of my very first votes in support of the Reviving America's Scenic Byways Act in February of 2019. This act requires the Department of Transportation to issue a request for nominations to be designated under the National Scenic Byways Program and make publicly available a list specifying the roads designated. President Trump signed the bill into law in September of 2019.

I am pleased to announce in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that on March 29 of 2022, the ribbon-cutting ceremony occurred for the Federal Highway Administration's designation of this beautiful stretch of A1A as an All-American Road.

REMEMBERING DR. TERRANCE NEWTON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Delaware (Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) for 5 minutes.

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to remember the life of a remarkable public servant, leader, and educator, Dr. Terrance Newton.

Today, family, friends, and his beloved Warner School community are saying good-bye to a person who they called Newt.

Dr. Newton was a fixture in the Delaware education system for decades, himself a product of Wilmington's East Side, a Kappa Alpha Psi man, and a Delaware State University man.

Newt would become known to his students as their most fervent advocate and ally. Every morning, he would stand on the front steps of Warner Elementary and greet students as they passed through the front doors, hugging them, high-fiving them, and inspiring every child.

Dr. Newton was always looking for unique and impactful ways to connect with his students, going so far as to open a barbershop where he could cut the students' hair in school, giving them a safe space to talk about their academics, their communities, and their lives.

It is no exaggeration to say that Dr. Terrance Newton was a powerful pillar of the community, a real-life superhero who spent every day devoted to the next generation of Delawareans.

We have lost Dr. Terrance Newton far too soon, but because of all the energy, inspiration, and love that he poured into his students, family, and commu-

nity, his legacy will live on for a lifetime.

To his family, colleagues, students, friends, I send sincere condolences.

Madam Speaker, I close with some words from Dr. Newton himself. He said of his students: "When I see them, I see me. So, my goal is to change the world."

Indeed, Dr. Newton, you did.

FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES TAKING FARMERS' WATER SUPPLY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. LAMALFA) for 5 minutes.

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, I have been speaking a little bit lately about our supply chain issues and the effects of inflation on real Americans, real families, and talking a lot about food grown in this country and the effects of some of the decisions made by government on the ability to grow food, especially in my home State of California, which affects so much of the supply chain for fruits, vegetables, and nut products that the whole country, and even the world export market, enjoys and uses.

What we are wrestling with right now are decisions made by Federal and State agencies on the effects of water supply in California and the ripple effect it has on so many products.

For example, earlier this year, a decision was made to withdraw what is called a TUCP, a temporary urgency change petition, for the amount of water that would be flowing from our storage in California out through the delta and into the Pacific. This is geared toward how much water is going to be there for delta salinity and fish habitat situations in the delta and upstream, somewhat.

There was an opportunity back in December and January to curtail some of the water flows that were coming out of limited storage we already have in the State of California, mainly Shasta Dam and Oroville Dam, this on the heels of a drought last year.

Lake Oroville, for example, hit its lowest number ever. It didn't even make hydropower for the first time in 50 years because the lake was so low.

So, decisions were made based on a pretty decent amount of rainfall in October and quite a bit of rain and snowpack in December to withdraw what was called the TUCP, the temporary urgency change petition, which would have the ability to let less water out through the delta and a little less for the salinity and fish habitat issues.

By the way, the fish, one of the ones we are talking about, is called the delta smelt. They haven't found one, in what they call trawls looking for the fish, in 3 years. They are pretty much nonexistent. Yet, we are still allowing hundreds of thousands of acre-feet of precious water to go out through the bay to somehow try to mitigate that situation.

They decided to withdraw the change petition, the TUCP, a decision made on January 21, to say we are going to go ahead and let the water flow at a higher level than is necessary. Water will be trickling out of our dams, out of our storage, at a rate much more than is needed for a perception of salinity or fish.

At the time when we are looking at drought in California, low water supplies, and all the unrest we have in the world's food supply chain—Hungary, for example, is not going to export grain this year. Russia and Ukraine had been world market participants in grain, especially Ukraine.

Ukraine is a very, very rich country in wheat and many other ag products. Their farmers, right now, are out there trying to plant crops amidst all the bombs being dropped on them by Russia. God bless them. But farmers in this country are having bombs dropped on them by Federal and State agencies taking their water away.

At a point where we could have curtailed a little bit of the water going out through the delta and kept it for ag use to grow rice, to grow almonds, to grow olives, to grow tomatoes, many things that we need, they decided on January 21, no, we are just going to let the water go out at the same rate.

At that point, Lake Shasta was only at 35 percent of its capacity. Lake Oroville was only at 45 percent of its capacity. They thought, well, we are going to bank on the idea that more rain is going to come post-January 21 up until maybe April 1, when, historically, the rainfall tapers off.

These lakes are both well under half full. They decided, no, we have plenty of water because we had a massive amount of rain and snow in December. I mean, they threw the baby out with the bathwater, so to speak, in making this decision because anybody could have seen that we needed to keep every drop in those lakes that is coming in there to build them up.

Now, had they reached the flood stage where they have to allow a buffer of space in the dams to provide for flood control, which is approximately about 850 feet of elevation in Oroville and, I am going to guess, about 70, 75 percent of capacity—they are well below that. They thought, oh, we are going to have so much water coming in that we will meet these marks.

Well, guess what? The rain did not come in the latter part of January or February or March, and now we are in the first few days of April.

Here at this point, we are going to be short on food, short on water, and they are just now thinking about putting the TUCP in here in early April. It is very shortsighted and appalling.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DR. TOM RIVERA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. RUIZ) for 5 minutes.

Mr. RUIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of an inspiring leader, a great visionary, and my friend, Dr. Tom Rivera.

Dr. Tom was born on September 22, 1939, in Colton, California. After graduating from Colton High School, he attended San Bernardino Valley College; California State University, Los Angeles; the University of California, Riverside; and eventually UCLA, where he earned his doctorate in education.

It was at Cal State LA that he met the love of his life, Dr. Lily Rivera, who shared his passion for service. Together, they served in the Peace Corps in Colombia, South America, before marrying in 1965.

In all that he did, Dr. Tom strived to inspire his students to achieve their dreams. As associate dean for undergraduate studies at CSU San Bernardino, he was a pillar of the community. He devoted himself to the empowerment of local youth and maintained leadership roles in organizations including the Kiwanis Club of Greater San Bernardino, LULAC, the Pure Land Foundation, and more.

Dr. Tom was relentless in his advocacy. Even in the face of his own health challenges, he continued his pursuit of a better future where Hispanic youth could achieve their dreams.

In 1984, just 3 years after contracting a virus that left him paralyzed, he helped found the Inland Empire Future Leaders Program, joining forces with fellow educators, Susan Castro, Frank Acosta, Henry Vasquez, and Bill Allison.

Dr. Tom founded the organization to address dropout rates among Hispanic students. His vision was to encourage youth to be proud of their roots and to make a difference in their communities.

All these years later, that vision is fulfilled in the Inland Empire Future Leaders Program's tremendous success. It is fulfilled in the educators, lawyers, doctors, and countless other Inland Empire Future Leaders Program graduates who have gone on to achieve so many great things.

It is fulfilled right here in the Halls of Congress with the gentleman from California (Mr. AGUILAR), my good friend, as Democratic Caucus vice chair, and with me as chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus.

I stand here because of Dr. Tom. Back in the early years, in 1986, I attended one of IEFLP's leadership trainings at Camp Seeley. That summer left a lasting mark on me and changed the course of my future.

I learned the tools of leadership and returned home, motivated to serve the community. I became the first in Coachella Valley High School to be class president and ASB president all 4 years, and I learned to identify problems that needed to be addressed and to become a part of the solution.

The experience strengthened my dream and my resolve to become a doc-

tor and serve the community. You see, Dr. Tom's guidance fueled in me a passion for social justice, a passion I lived as a pre-med student organizer at UCLA.

It is with Dr. Tom's encouragement that I applied to Harvard Medical School to earn my medical degree and graduate with my master's in public health and my master's in public policy from Harvard University.

I am forever indebted to Dr. Tom for his unyielding devotion to my growth and the success of my peers. He was always there for us. He was always there to motivate us, to celebrate us, and to give us a smile when we needed it most.

He gave us a family, a familia, in which we found reassurance and strength. All IEFLP graduates share a common bond because of him. To this day, when I meet a fellow Inland Empire Future Leaders Program graduate, we reminisce about his kindness and grace.

We said good-bye to Dr. Tom just last month, in March 2022. However, we know that his legacy will live on in each and every one of us. We know that his memory will survive in the hearts of his beloved wife, Dr. Lily; his brother, Ray; his children, Evelyn, Patricia, and Tom; and all of his wonderful grandchildren.

Together, we mourn his passing and celebrate his full life, knowing that he was a good man and an extraordinary public servant whose impact will be felt for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING THE LEGACY OF DR. TOM RIVERA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. AGUILAR) for 5 minutes.

Mr. AGUILAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to follow the words of my good friend, Dr. RAUL RUIZ, as we honor this towering figure from our region, the Inland Empire.

For more than 50 years, Dr. Rivera served our community as an educator, administrator, and community leader. His passing in March was felt by all of us, and it left too large of a void for just one of us to fill.

Back in 1985, our region suffered. More than half of the Latino students in our region didn't finish high school.

While others ignored the problem, Dr. Tom rolled up his sleeves as an elected school board member, as a lifelong educator. He joined with community leaders to form the Inland Empire Future Leaders Program to help these students stay in school.

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As a result, more than 99 percent of the students who go through this program have graduated high school. Ninety percent have gone to college. Dr. Tom's positive influence, his beliefs in what we could become if given the opportunity, helped shape doctors, lawyers, teachers, and, yes, a couple Members of Congress.

Dr. Tom gave working-class kids like me a chance for a better life, for ourselves and for our family, and he taught us that no matter where life takes us, never lose sight of our heritage and our culture, and always give back to our community.

It is a testament to his unwavering faith in our young people that Dr. RAUL RUIZ and I are standing on the House floor today. I was proud to call Dr. Tom a mentor, a friend, and importantly, a constituent. He would always ask me how my grandmother was doing. He went to school on the south side of Colton with members of my family, and he always took the time to ask how they were doing, what they were up to, how he could help them.

My thoughts go out to his wife, Dr. Lily Rivera, his children, and grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, now it is our responsibility, those of us in roles of making policy, those of us in our communities who strive to make our community a better place, it is up to us to carry his legacy forward and to lift up the next generation of Latino leaders.

CONCERNS ABOUT KETANJI BROWN JACKSON

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CLYDE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CLYDE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to emphasize my concern about President Biden's U.S. Supreme Court nominee, Ketanji Brown Jackson, commonly known as KBJ, and to express my deep disappointment for any Senator that votes for her confirmation this week.

While I do not have a vote on KBJ's confirmation, I do have a voice. And I will continue using my voice to tell the American people the truth.

The truth is that Ketanji Brown Jackson is incapable of holding criminals accountable.

Throughout her career, Judge Jackson's sentences have been drastically lower than the national average, even for individuals who have committed the most egregious crimes imaginable.

When analyzing all criminal case sentencing imposed by U.S. District Courts, Judge Jackson issued significantly lighter sentences, almost 34 percent less than the national average.

Specifically, the statistics reveal a more sinister pattern when broken down to child pornography and child sex torture cases.

When sentencing criminals for possession of child pornography, KBJ imposed sentences 57 percent less than the national average. Additionally, she issued sentences 47 percent less than the national average for those convicted of distributing these atrocious images of child sex torture.

Disturbingly, child sex torture, one of the most heinous crimes of all, is met with compassion and concessions from Judge Jackson.